

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original): A toner, comprising:

an agglomerate of particles comprising at least primary polymer particles and primary colorant particles, and at least one layer of a particulate resin coated on a substantial surface portion of said agglomerate of particles,

wherein at least one of said primary polymer particles and said particulate resin further comprises a wax, and wherein an outermost layer of said particulate resin is substantially free of wax.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein said at least one layer of particulate resin is a single layer of particulate resin substantially free of wax.

Claim 4 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein there are at least two layers of said particulate resin.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The toner as claimed in claim [[4]] 1, wherein the primary polymer particles do not comprise wax therein, and at least one non-outer layer of the particulate resin comprises said wax therein.

Claim 7 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein two layers, an inner layer and an outer layer, of the particulate resin are coated on said agglomerate of particles.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The toner as claimed in claim 7, wherein the primary polymer particles do not comprise wax therein, the particulate resin in the inner layer comprises said wax therein, and the particulate resin in the outer layer is substantially free of wax.

Claims 9-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the primary polymer particles have a volume-average particle diameter of from 0.02 to 3 μm .

Claim 15 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particulate resin has a volume-average particle diameter of from 0.02 to 3 μm .

Claims 16-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the particulate resin of a non-outer layer comprises from 1 to 40 parts by weight of wax therein based on 100 parts by weight of binder resin in the toner.

Claims 20-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the agglomerate of particles has a volume-average particle diameter of from 2 to 11 μm .

Claim 25 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toner has a volume-average particle diameter of from 3 to 12 μm .

Claim 26 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 3, wherein the agglomerate of particles and the particulate resin coating the agglomerate are present in a ratio by weight (weight of the agglomerate of particles/weight of the particulate resin) of from 1 to 100.

Claims 27-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax has a melting point of 30 to 100°C.

Claim 32 (Canceled).

Claim 33 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax is present in an amount of from 1 to 35 parts by weight to 100 parts by weight of binder resin.

Claims 34-38 (Canceled).

Claim 39 (Original): The toner as claimed in claim 1, wherein the toner is negatively charged.

Claims 40-69 (Canceled).